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on the invention entitled

Method for Producing and Identifying New Hydrolases Having Improved Properties

the specification of which is attached hereto,

or was filed on

as Application Serial No.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

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Prior Foreign Application(s), the priority(ies) of which is/are to be claimed:

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STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(d) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled \_\_\_\_\_ by inventor(s) described in \_\_\_\_\_

- ☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

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